

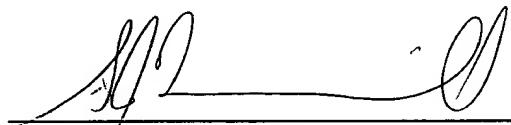
**REMARKS**

This reply is intended to supplement the response filed on September 20, 2004. Specifically, pursuant to the Examiner's request, each claim has been provided with the proper status identifier. Applicants therefore submit that the reply is now proper and the Notice of Non-Compliance is obviated. Applicants hereby incorporate into this reply the remarks made in their September 20, 2004 response.

In light of the above, an early and favorable response is earnestly requested.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,



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